

FACILITIES IN SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK

Wolverton Snowplay Area!

7250' (2160 m) elevation. Sledding hills two miles (3.2km) north of the General Sherman Tree. After snowstorms, it may take several hours for plows to get the area open for the day. Snowplay is prohibited in some areas: the Sherman Tree Area, park residential areas, and other areas as signed.

- **Cross-country ski & snowshoe rentals; snacks, hot drinks, sandwiches, souvenirs, sleds, & snowplay accessories for sale** Friday through Monday 10am-4pm from December 16 to March 13, *snow coverage permitting*. Mid-week rental at Wuksachi Lodge. Open daily 12/23/05-1/2/06.
- **Be safe & considerate!** Don't slide or ski on or into plowed roads. Sleds have better steering and handholds than other devices. See safety information on page 11.

Giant Forest Area

GIANT FOREST SEQUOIA GROVE

6400' (1950m) elevation. Home to the world's biggest trees, this grove offers 40 miles (64 km) of trails. See page 6 for highlights. For picnic areas, check page 3 and your map.

- **Giant Forest Museum (NPS):** Daily 9am-4:30pm. A gallery of fun exhibits about the Big Trees. Books, maps, first aid. 559-565-4480.

CRYSTAL CAVE - Closed until spring.

Lodgepole & Wuksachi Area

WUKSACHI VILLAGE

7200' (2160 m) elevation. Open year-round 4 miles (6.4 km) north of the General Sherman Tree. The center for lodging, food services, and winter-recreation equipment in Sequoia National Park.

FOOD, SHOPS & LODGING (DNCPR)

- **Dining Room:** Breakfast 7:30-9:30am, lunch 11:30am-2:30pm, dinner 5-8:30pm. Dinner reservations required: 1-559-565-4070. Box lunches available. Lounge daily 4-9pm.
- **Gift Shop:** Daily 8am-5pm. Film, souvenirs, crafts, clothing, art, snacks.
- **Wuksachi Lodge:** See page 10 for details.

LODGEPOLE VILLAGE

6700' (2040 m) elevation. This village is a few miles north of Giant Forest, in beautiful Tokopah Canyon along the Marble Fork of the Kaweah River. Lodgepole Village offers few facilities in winter (see Wuksachi, above):

INFORMATION (NPS)

- **Visitor Center:** Closed until mid-April.
- **Wilderness Permits:** Required for backcountry overnight trips. Self-register for them outside the Lodgepole Visitor Center. See details on page 4. 559-565-3764.

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OTHER SERVICES

- **Lodgepole Campground (NPS):** Open all year. Details on page 11.
- **Laundry (DNCPR):** Daily 9am-5pm; door is unlocked and lights are on sensors. Last load in by 4pm.
- **Post Office:** Weekdays 8am-1pm & 2-4pm. 1-559-565-3678. Lobby with stamp machine open 24 hours. Address mail to visitors: c/o General Delivery, Sequoia National Park, CA 93262.

Expect Delays between Entrance Station at Hwy 198 & Foothills Visitor Center from 11/14 to 12/14:

During repair of storm damage, flaggers and automated traffic signals will direct traffic. Delays will be from 10 to 20 minutes.

Foothills Area

1500-3500' (457-1067 m) elevation. A land of oaks, chaparral, and river canyons, hot summers and snow-free winters, the foothills have the greatest biological diversity in these parks. Park headquarters is here at Ash Mountain. In addition to picnic areas (page 3), the foothills offer:

- **Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 8am-4:30pm. Exhibits, books, maps, bear canisters, first aid, local wilderness permits. 559-565-3135.
- **Potwisha Campground (NPS):** Year-round. Details on page 11.

Mineral King Area

The road to this area is closed until late May.

NOTE: This road is gated at the park boundary (about 9 miles from Highway 198), due to illegal activities and resource damage. With a permit from the Foothills Visitor Center, visitors may drive another 8 miles to the winter gate, weather permitting.

7800' (2380 m) elevation. Mineral King is a beautiful subalpine river valley, at the end of a steep, narrow, difficult road (no RVs, buses, or trailers, please). There is no electricity or gasoline in the area, and all facilities are closed for the season.

- **Ranger Station (NPS):** Closed until late May.
- **Wilderness Permits (NPS):** Self-register for wilderness permits in front of the Atwell Ranger Station (closed) near Atwell Campground.
- **Silver City Mountain Resort:** Reopens late May, weather permitting. Cabins, chalets, restaurant/bakery, showers & small store. Summer 559-561-3223; winter 805-528-2730. www.silvercityresort.com.
- **Camping (NPS):** Closed until late May. Details on page 11.

Evening Talks & Snowshoe Walks!

On most Saturday evenings rangers host free slide programs downstairs at Wuksachi Lodge at 7:30pm.

Snowshoe walks (2 hours, 1 mile) are usually offered on weekends & holidays if there is enough snow. Group size is limited; reserve a spot at any visitor center or call 559-565-4480.

We provide snowshoes for free. Snowshoeing may be strenuous and difficult for small children.

**Not enough snow?
An alternate program will be offered. Check locally for details!**

NATURE PROGRAMS

Celebrate Wilderness!

In 1964, the Wilderness Act secured "for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of Wilderness."

President Reagan signed the California Wilderness Act 20 years later, bestowing the additional protection of Wilderness on much of these parks.

What is "Wilderness" with a capital "W"? It is a place where nature prevails. It is the opportunity to find quiet, solitude, challenge, inspiration, and an untamed community of life. It is an outdoor laboratory where we can study our natural heritage in a relatively unchanged state. It is part of our American heritage, a history

that we can explore in books, films, or first-hand. And it is a legal designation on certain special lands designed to preserve all of these benefits.

Wilderness is our shared inheritance – it belongs to us all! So learn about it. Experience it. Enjoy and support it.

Celebrate your Wilderness!